

REMARKS

Within the Office Action dated March 29, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 10-17 and 20, and objected to claims 8-9 and 18-19. More specifically, claims 1-3, 7, 11-13, 17 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Application 2002/0,010,917 A1 to Srikantan et al. (Srikantan) in view of United States Patent 5,414,455 to Hooper et al. (Hooper). Claims 4-6, and 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan and Hooper, and further in view of United States Patent 6,414,725 B1 to Clarin et al. (Clarin). Claims 10 and 20 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan and Hooper, and further in view of United States Patent 6,744,967 B2 to Kaminski et al. (Kaminski). Claims 8-9 and 18-19 are objected to, as dependent upon a rejected base claim.

By this amendment Applicants amend claims 1, 11, and 21, but do not add or cancel any claims. Accordingly, claims 1-21 will remain pending in the application upon entry of this amendment.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-10

Claims 1-3 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan and Hooper. Claims 4-6 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan, Hooper, and further in view of Clarin. Claim 10 was rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan, Hooper, and further in view of Kaminski. Claims 2-10 are dependent on claim 1.

Claim 1 recites a method for recording media that receives at least one media stream, stores at least a portion of the media stream in at least one personal video recording (“PVR”) media server, and couples several clients, capable of displaying the media stream, to the PVR media server. The

storing includes buffering the media stream and maintaining a write position for the buffering. The method generates a first buffer position to identify a location within the media stream for playback of the media stream at a first client, and generates a second buffer position to identify a location within the media stream for playback of the media stream at a second client. The second buffer position is independent from the first buffer position. The method allows the second client to select the first buffer position of the first client, and when the second client selects the first buffer position, the playback at the second client is from the location identified by the first buffer position.

Applicants respectfully submit that Srikantan and Hooper do not disclose, teach, or even suggest such a method. For instance, Srikantan and Hooper do not disclose, teach, or even suggest allowing the second client to select the first buffer position of the first client, and when the second client selects the first buffer position, the playback at the second client is from the location identified by the first buffer position.

Accordingly, the cited references do not render unpatentable claim 1. Since claims 2-10 are dependent on claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not render unpatentable claims 2-10 for at least the reasons discussed above in relation to claim 1. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-10.

II. Rejection of Claims 11-20

Claims 11-13 were rejected under section 103(a) as being anticipated by Srikantan and Hooper. Claims 14-16 were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan, Hooper, and further in view of Clarin. Claim 20 was rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Srikantan, Hooper, and further in view of Kaminski. Claims 12-20 are dependent on claim 11.

Claim 11 recites a PVR-media server that has at least one input for receiving at least one media stream, a storage medium for storing at least a portion of the media stream, and at least one output for coupling several clients, capable of displaying the media stream, to the PVR media server. The storage medium is configured for buffering the media stream, and the PVR media server is configured for maintaining a write position for the buffering. The PVR-media server is for generating a first buffer position to identify a location within the media stream for a first client and for generating a second buffer position to identify a location within the media stream for a second client. The second buffer position is independent from the first buffer position. The second client is configured to select the first buffer position of the first client, and when the second client selects the first buffer position, the playback at the second client is from the location identified by the first buffer position.

Applicants respectfully submit that Srikantan and Hooper do not disclose, teach, or even suggest such a PVR-media server. For instance, Srikantan and Hooper do not disclose, teach, or even suggest a PVR media server having second client that is configured to select a first buffer position of a first client, and when the second client selects the first buffer position, the playback at the second client is from a location identified by the first buffer position.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not render unpatentable claim 11. Since claims 12-20 are dependent on claim 11, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not render unpatentable claims 12-20 for at least the reasons discussed above in relation to claim 11. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 11-20.

III. Rejection of Claim 21

Claim 21 was rejected under section 103(a) as being anticipated by Srikantan and Hooper.

Claim 21 recites a system that has several clients, coupled to the PVR media server, for displaying the media stream, at least one PVR-media server, and a network. The PVR-media server includes one input for receiving at least one media stream, a storage medium for storing at least a portion of the media stream, and a media controller for generating a first buffer position to identify a location within the media stream for a first client, and for generating a second buffer position to identify a location within the media stream for a second client. The second buffer position is independent from the first buffer position. The storage medium is configured for buffering the media stream, and the PVR media server is configured for maintaining a write position for the buffering. The network is for coupling the PVR-media server to the clients, for delivering the media stream to a first client by using the first buffer position, and for delivering the media stream to a second client by using the second buffer position. The second client is configured to select the first buffer position of the first client, and when the second client selects the first buffer position, the playback at the second client is from the location identified by the first buffer position.

Applicants respectfully submit that Srikantan and Hooper do not disclose, teach, or even suggest such a system. For instance, Srikantan and Hooper do not disclose, teach, or even suggest a PVR media server having a second client that is configured to select a first buffer position of a first client, and when the second client selects the first buffer position, the playback at the second client is from a location identified by the first buffer position.

Accordingly, the cited references do not render unpatentable claim 21. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the section 103(a) rejection of claim 21.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8-9 and 18-19 are objected to, as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were

found otherwise allowable, if amended to include the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner. Claims 8-9 are dependent on claim 1, and claims 18-19 are dependent on claim 11. The independent claims 1, 11 and 21 are all amended in accordance with the subject matter of the allowed claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not disclose, teach, or even suggest such a method and personal video recorder. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to claims 8-9 and 18-19.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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